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LETTER DATED 8 MAY 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF MOROCCO TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

In my capacity as current Chairman of the Islamic Group at the United Nations, I have the honour to convey to you the Islamic Group's position towards the latest action taken recently by the Israeli Government with regard to Al-Quds al-Sharif (Holy Jerusalem) namely, its decision to confiscate 53 hectares of Palestinian land situated in the area of East Jerusalem and its announcement that such land is to be allocated for the purpose of continuing to build Israeli settlements, thus contravening the rules of international law as well as the relevant Security Council resolutions.

The Islamic Group expresses its strong condemnation of the aforesaid Israeli action as a flagrant violation of the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949 and the relevant Security Council resolutions. That action moreover undermines the Middle East peace process arrangements and severely threatens its progress as well as the Declaration of Principles on Interim Self-Government Arrangements, signed on 13 September 1993 by the Government of Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The Islamic Group therefore officially requests the Security Council to take urgent steps to deal with this extremely serious situation and to put an end to the numerous Israeli violations, particularly in East Jerusalem, as well as to take the necessary measures for revocation of the Israeli confiscation orders.

The Islamic Group will continue to follow the developments in this regard in the light of the action to be taken by the Security Council, and in this context, the Group, in its meeting held on Thursday, 4 May 1995 at the ambassadorial level, convened at the request of the Permanent Observer of Palestine, decided to request an urgent meeting of the Security Council to discuss this recent grave situation concerning Jerusalem.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ahmed SNOUSSI
Permanent Representative